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ATTACHED

January 6, 1956

TOP SECRET

Dear Allen:

At Dillon Anderson's request I telephoned []
[] along the lines suggested in your letter to Dillon
of December 23, 1955.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a Memorandum for
the Files describing my conversation with Mr. [] both
to complete your files on this matter and to indicate
Mr. [] reactions.

Sincerely,

James S. Lay, Jr.
JAMES S. LAY, JR.
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

Memorandum for Files dated
January 4, 1956

The Honorable
Allen Dulles,
Director of Central Intelligence,
2430 E Street, N. W.,
Washington, D.C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

This afternoon at Mr. Dillon Anderson's request I called Mr. []

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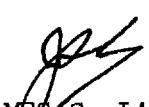
[] Building here in Washington, to inform him that the matter which he had discussed with Mr. Dillon Anderson on December 15, 1955 was now in appropriate government channels, to express appreciation to him for making this possible, and to advise him that there was no necessity for him to feel the need to take any further steps.

25X1 Mr. [] said he appreciated being so advised and added that there was still one question in his mind and that was the letter which he had which still remained unanswered. He said he was in a quandry as to just how to answer it, striving on his part to keep faith with both sides. I informed him that about all we could tell him was that the matter had been placed in the appropriate channels and that inasmuch as the whole matter was really outside the field of our responsibility, we felt it best to leave the matter to the discretion and judgment of the appropriate authorities as to just what should be done.

25X1 Mr. [] then asked if, in answering the letter, he could go so far as to indicate that the appropriate authorities would establish contact. I reiterated that we really did not know what further steps might be contemplated but felt that our responsibility ended when the matter was placed in appropriate hands, and that we thought he might feel the same way when so advised.

25X1 Mr. [] then indicated that he felt if the matter was not handled with discretion and good judgment, total lack of cooperation might result, perhaps justifiably so. I said that I thought he could be assured that the matter would be so handled since it was now in the right channels.

25X1 Mr. [] then asked if I had any knowledge as to the proposed trip. I told him that it was not believed such a trip was necessary. I reiterated that, other than that, we really had no knowledge of how the matter would be handled but felt that he, Mr. [], could rest assured that the matter was in the hands of the appropriate authorities in his government and that the matter would be handled with the utmost discretion and judgment. Mr. [] 25X1 concurred and said that he would reply to the letter in hand in that vein; i.e., that the matter had been placed in appropriate government channels and that if any further information was made available to him, he would transmit it accordingly.


JAMES S. LAY, JR.
Executive Secretary

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